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DLNR BEGINS NEXT PHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO KAHULUI BOAT RAMP

HONOLULU – Starting Monday, August 3, 2009, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will begin phase two of improvements to the Kahului Boat launch Ramp.

The project consists of the construction of a new 55-foot long by 5-foot wide engineered aluminum loading dock with fiberglass grating, adjacent to the existing concrete loading dock.

It also includes removal of the existing asphalt paved access road fronting the launch ramp, and construction of new concrete paved access road and new boat trailer turn around area; as well as construction of an accessible trailer boat parking stall and washdown area; electrical and lighting improvements; and resurfacing of paved area next to the existing washdown area.

This project is the second phase of improvements which began in 2006 to modernize the Kahului boat ramp. DLNR and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have worked together on this construction project which included the dredging of the entrance channel and turning basin, demolishing the existing ramp and breakwater, constructing a new breakwater, adding a three-lane boat launch ramp and two loading docks, and other miscellaneous improvements.

“This work will complete the remaining upgrade of the Kahului Boat Ramp and is part of our ongoing effort to modernize small boat harbors and other outdoor recreational facilities around the state,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. “These improvements will increase the usability of the launch facility, provide reliable service with less maintenance, improve accessibility, and correct ponding problems at the existing washdown area.

“We request that boaters and other harbor users exercise caution when using the boat ramp, which will remain partially open throughout the construction. One-half of the boat ramp and one of the two loading docks will be open at all times during the construction period,” said Thielen.

The \$379,228 project, which is expected to be completed by January 2, 2010, was designed by R.T. Tanaka Engineers, Inc.; ECM Electrical Engineering Consultants; and Arnold T. Okubo and Associates. It will be constructed by Maui Master Builders.

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